

B1, Issued Dec. 28, 1994 -- therefore.

Please amend the specification on Page 35, last line and on Page 36, line 6 to delete the language "PCT/DK96/00056" and insert the language --PCT Publication No. WO 9623873 A1, Published Aug. 8, 1996--, therefore.

Please amend the specification on Page 37, lines 16-17 to delete the language "application 92870018.6 filed on January 31, 1992" and insert the language --No. 0553607 B1, Issued March 18, 1998--, therefore.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-6, and 8 as follows:

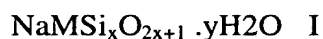
In Claims 1-6, please delete any occurrence of the word "alkalising" and insert the word "alkalizing" therefore.

Please further amend Claims 1, 2, and 5 and amend Claim 8 to read as follows:

1. A multi-phase detergent tablet for use in a washing machine, the tablet comprising a first phase comprising alkalizing agent, and a second phase comprising acidifying agent, and wherein the alkalizing agent has an initial pH of at least 9 in a 1% aqueous solution or dispersion at 25°C and the acidifying agent has an initial pH of less than about 6.5 in a 1% aqueous solution or dispersion at 25°C, and wherein the tablet has a pH rate change index (ΔpH) of no more than about 0.17 units/min.

2. A multi-phase detergent tablet according to Claim 1, wherein the tablet further comprises:

a) a silicate alkalizing agent including at least a crystalline layered sodium silicate of general formula I



wherein M is sodium or hydrogen, x is a number from 1.9 to 22, and y is a number from 0 to 30 and

b) a second phase comprising a (bi)carbonate/acid disrupting agent.

5. A multi-phase detergent tablet according to Claim 2 wherein the silicate alkalizing agent comprises at least about 25% by weight thereof of the crystalline layered sodium silicate of general formula I.

8. A multi-phase detergent tablet according to Claim 2 wherein the first phase is composed of a built active detergent composition comprising by weight thereof:

- (1) from about 1% to about 12% of the crystalline layered sodium silicate of general formula I,
- (2) from 0% to about 70% of a polyphosphate, zeolite, and/or polycarboxylate builders,
- (3) from 0% to about 30% of carbonate and/or bicarbonate, and
- (4) from 0% to about 10% of amorphous silicate.